



Town of Blades  
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***Town Council Meeting  
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE  
7:00PM  
October 12, 2020***

Present: Mayor John Reiss, Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson, Councilman Donald Trice, Councilman Russell Joseph, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice and Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

Meeting officially opened at 7:00 pm with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the September 14, 2020, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield; seconded by Councilman Donald Trice; Motion passed. Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield - Yes, Councilman Russell Joseph - Yes, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson - Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice - Yes, Councilman Donald Trice - Yes. Carried

Police Report - Submitted by Chief Paul Anthony. Motion to accept all reports as submitted in writing by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield; seconded by Ashley Hudson; Motion passed. Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield - Yes, Councilman Russell Joseph - Yes, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson - Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice - Yes, Councilman Donald Trice - Yes. Carried

BEDCO - No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z - Report submitted by Councilman Donald Trice.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code - Report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Marcus Trammell.
- Water report - Submitted by Water Supervisor, Frank O'Day.
- Streets - No Report submitted.
- Parks & Cemeteries - No Report submitted.
- Mayor's Report - No Report submitted.
- Town Administrator Report - Report submitted by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

❖ Old Business:

- Final Reading Resolution Change 411- Water Rates and Penalties: Resolution read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks. Motion to accept Resolution Change 411 - Water Rates and Penalties by Councilman Donald Trice; seconded by Ashley Hudson; Motion passed. Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield - Yes, Councilman Russell Joseph - Yes, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson - Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice - Yes, Councilman Donald Trice - Yes. Carried



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- Third Street Speed Bump: Council revisited the Motion to remove the speed bumps. After discussing the safety issues revolving around Fire Department response time vs personal vehicles speeding, a motion was made. Motion to discuss further in the upcoming Workshop by Councilman Donald Trice; seconded by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield. Motion passed. Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield - Yes, Councilman Russell Joseph - Yes, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson - Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice - Yes, Councilman Donald Trice - Yes. Carried

❖ New Business:

- Halloween 2020: Trick or Treating will be Saturday, October 31, 2020, from 6pm-8pm. Please obey CDC Guidelines.
- First Reading to Repeal and Replace Ordinance 219 – Dogs: Read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.
- Resolution 2020.10.12 – To Support the Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails Grant Application: Resolution read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks. Motion to approve Resolution 2020.10.12 by Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice; seconded by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield. Motion passed. Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield - Yes, Councilman Russell Joseph - Yes, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson - Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice - Yes, Councilman Donald Trice - Yes. Carried
- Police Department policy and procedures program (Lexipol): Motion to approve and accept Lexipol procedures program by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield; seconded by Councilwoman Ashley Hudson. Motion passed. Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield - Yes, Councilman Russell Joseph - Yes, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson - Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice - Yes, Councilman Donald Trice - Yes. Carried

❖ Good of the Community

- A resident expressed concerns about someone from River Road riding a dirt bike in Town at least twice a week.
- A resident inquired if it would be possible to have “No Thru Traffic” signs put up on Summit Drive and Meadow Court.
- A resident inquired if it would be possible to have more Police protection and speed control in Little Meadows.
- A resident expressed concerns about water drainage in Little Meadows and the effect it is having on certain properties.

Entered into Executive Session: 7:35 pm

Adjourned Executive Session: 8:30 pm

Councilman Donald Trice motioned to adjourn the October 12, 2020, Blades Town Council Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Ashley Hudson.

Mayor John Reiss adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Raines  
Town Clerk

Town Council Meeting Minutes